

## **INTERNSHIP SYLLABUS**

### **AUGMENTEE, DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE INT-102**

#### **1. Internship Program Description**

The Internship Program of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies' Foreign Area Officer Program is designed to provide FAO students practical, first-hand experience to supplement and extend the resident training and instruction they receive. All FAO students will complete a minimum of one 3-month internship working in support of an U.S. agency in Eastern Europe or Eurasia. The internship program provides first-hand exposure to issues confronting Eastern Europe and Eurasian states; enhanced language and interpretation skill gained by realistic use of the language; deeper understanding of and appreciation for the host nation's contemporary culture, customs, and trends; and a unique training opportunity for FAO students in preparation for future assignments.

#### **2. DAO Internship Description**

- a. This internship supports the requirements of several Defense Attaché Offices (DAO) in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Officers assigned to this internship interact on a daily basis with several U.S. government agencies, as well as daily coordination with various host nation governmental agencies. Russian language skills are used on a daily basis in the office, on the telephone, and at home. Duties typically include coordinating the U.S. International Military Education and Training (IMET) program with the host nation, ensuring that the host nation fully understands the program and that they make maximum advantage of the training opportunities provided to them by the United States. These officers are also responsible for coordinating the NATO Partnership for Peace (PfP) program between the host nation and NATO PfP Headquarters. Additionally, these officers coordinate U.S. VIP visits to the host nation and monitor the military-to-military contacts the U.S. military and the host nation Ministry of Defense. This internship is a dynamic and exciting opportunity to view and effect the U.S. Department of Defense's engagement policy with the host nation at the most basic level.
- b. This internship lasts for 120 days. FAO students normally live in apartments on the host nation's economy. Normally, work is conducted five to six days a week, 10-12 hours a day.

#### **3. Course objectives:**

- a. At the end of this internship, FAO students should be familiar with U.S. government political-military goals and programs with the host nation.
- b. Students should know current U.S. Defense Department goals and programs with the host nation. Students should be able to discuss the status of the programs and describe current events or trends that indicate progress with the programs or failure to meet the goals.

- c. Students should be familiar with and be able to discuss the current political, economic, cultural, and religious trends in the host nation.
- d. Students should be able to explain the historical and political factors involved in any ongoing ethnic conflicts and/or territorial disputes and their impact on the goals and programs of the U.S. government.
- e. Students should increase their Russian language skills and knowledge of host nation culture.

#### 4. Course Standards

- a. The Defense Attaché or the Ambassador provides verbal or written feedback on the student's internship. That information is incorporated into the student's Officer Efficiency Report. A center of mass rating on the OER indicates successful accomplishment of course objectives a-d.
- b. Language skills are tested prior to and upon return from the internship.